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Company D (Ranger) 151st Infantry, an Indiana National Guard unit located in Greenfield and Evansville, was called to active duty in May of 1968 and distinguished itself in combat in Vietnam until its return to State duty on 26 November 1969.

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Brigadier General, Ind ARNG
The Adjutant General

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DEDICATION . . . .

THIS PAMPHLET IS DEDICATED TO THE OFFICERS AND ENLISTED MEN OF COMPANY D (RANGER) 151st INFANTRY WHO THROUGH PERSONAL SACRIFICE, VALOR, AND DEVOTION TO DUTY SERVED THEIR NATION IN AN OUTSTANDING MANNER, ENTERING ON ACTIVE DUTY 13 MAY 1968, ARRIVED IN VIETNAM 29 DECEMBER THE SAME YEAR, RETURNED FROM THE VIETNAMESE CONFLICT AND REVERTED TO STATE CONTROL ON 27 NOVEMBER 1969.

John N. Owens

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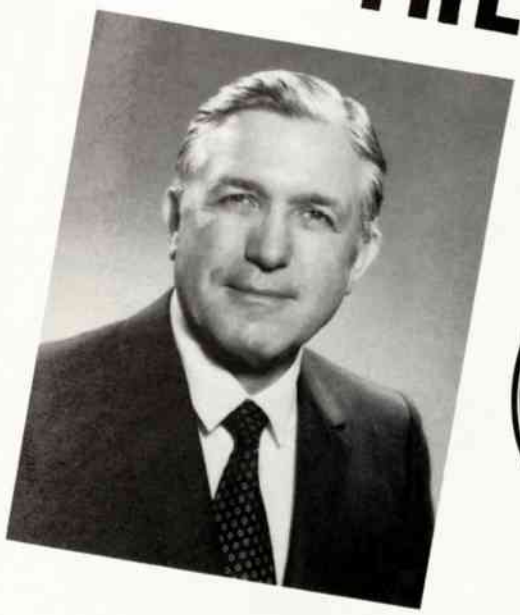
MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR....



STATE OF INDIANA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
INDIANAPOLIS

EDGAR D. WHITCOMB
GOVERNOR

26 November 1969

TO: The Officers and Enlisted Men of
Company D (Ranger), 151st Infantry

It is with great personal pride and pleasure that I welcome you back home. Your military exploits accomplished on the field of battle have received acclaim from not only our national leaders, but foreign nations as well, and have distinguished you as outstanding soldiers. You have been true ambassadors of "good will", and your deeds and acts have been a source of tremendous pride and satisfaction to me and the citizens of Indiana.

Our prayers were with you in Vietnam, and your safe return makes for a joyous occasion. Our hearts go out to the families and loved ones of those men who made the supreme sacrifice. The price of freedom is never cheap, and these men will not have died in vain -- if men such as you will continue to carry high the torch of freedom and never forget those ideals of democracy which have made America strong.

Please accept my best wishes for success in the reestablishment of your careers, and I promise to do all that is humanly possible to assist you in making a rapid readjustment.

Thank you each and every one for a job well done. You have represented your State and Nation admirably, above and beyond that normally expected, for which we are truly grateful.

Sincerely,

Edgar D Whitcomb

EDGAR D, WHITCOMB
Governor

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Messages of appreciation and congratulations have been received from the following dignitaries — some who do us honor by their presence today —

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PROGRAM . . . .

TYNDALL ARMORY
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA
1300 HOURS, 26 NOVEMBER 1969

SELECTIONS ..... 74TH ARMY BAND
Fort Benjamin Harrison

SOUND ATTENTION ..... SP4 ANTHONY GARCIA

RUFFLES AND FLOURISHES ..... 74TH ARMY BAND

(Audience Please Rise and Remain Standing for the Invocation)

INVOCATION ..... CHAPLAIN (LTC) VICTOR F. BOERING
Fort Benjamin Harrison

CALL TO ORDER ..... BG JACK K. ELROD
Master of Ceremonies

NATIONAL ANTHEM ..... 74TH ARMY BAND

(Audience Please Rise)

OPENING REMARKS ..... BG JOHN N. OWENS
Adjutant General, State of Indiana

"WELCOME HOME" ADDRESS ..... HONORABLE EDGAR D. WHITCOMB
Governor, State of Indiana

REMARKS ..... NATIONAL LEADERS
UNITED STATES SENATORS
UNITED STATES CONGRESSMEN

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS ..... HONORABLE EDGAR D. WHITCOMB
NATIONAL AND STATE OFFICIALS

RESPONSE ..... MAJOR KENNETH W. HIMSEL
Commanding Officer
Company D (Ranger) 151st Infantry

SOUNDING OF TAPS ..... 74TH ARMY BAND

(Audience Please Rise and Remain Standing for the Benediction)

BENEDICTION ..... CHAPLAIN (LTC) ERNEST E. THOMPSON
38th Infantry Division

HISTORY . . . .

The motto, "Wide Awake—Wide Awake," adopted by the 151st Infantry and approved by the Secretary of War for use on the regimental coat of arms, was used by the American force during the night immediately preceding the Battle of Tippecanoe. The force was under command of General William Henry Harrison, afterwards President of the United States.

LINEAGE and HONORS

151st Infantry (First Indiana)

Company D (Ranger) 151st Infantry can trace its activities back to the Indian campaigns of the War of 1812.

Organized 24 June 1846 as the 2d Regiment of Indiana Volunteers from Independent companies as follows:

Sullivan Volunteers
Clay County Volunteers
Green County Volunteers
Lawrence Grays
Hoosier Boys
Washington Riflemen
Posey Guards
Indiana Riflemen
Spencer Grays
Lanesville Legion

Mustered into Federal service on 26 June 1846 at New Albany, Indiana; mustered out 21 June 1847 at New Orleans, Louisiana. Returned to Indiana and reorganized as companies in home state.

Independent companies formed in central and southern portions of the State, consisting of the 7th, 10th, 11th, Regiments of Indiana Volunteers. Mustered into Federal service on 26 April 1861; mustered out 2 August 1861.

Regiments were reorganized and mustered into Federal service beginning 31 August 1861 through 18 September 1861. Regiments were mustered out of Federal service during the period 12 July through 25 July 1865.

Numerous independent military organizations are mentioned during the years immediately following the Civil War. In 1877, the First Regiment Indiana Legion was organized from independent existing companies. The Regiment was reorganized 12 June 1882, and designated the First Veterans' Regiment, Indiana Legion. The regiment entered the United States service as the 159th Indiana Volunteer Infantry on 12 May 1898 and was mustered out on 23 November 1898.

After its reorganization following the Spanish-American War, the regiment remained in State service, until it was mobilized for service on the Mexican Border in 1916, mustered out 14 March 1917, and reverted to its former State status.

On 17 July 1917, the First Indiana Infantry was mobilized for World War service and redesignated the 151st Infantry. The Regiment was sent overseas, demobilized in France, returned to the United States in the cadre of the 38th Division and disbanded on 8 March 1918.

The 151st Infantry was reorganized and received Federal recognition 30 June 1921.

As an element of the 38th Infantry Division, the 151st Infantry was inducted into Federal service 17 January 1941 and was stationed at Camp Shelby, Mississippi. From there the unit was sent to Hawaii, New Guinea, Leyte and Luzon, Philippine Islands. In late October 1945 the Regiment arrived in Camp Anza, California and disbanded.

Subsequent to World War II the 151st Infantry was reorganized and Federally recognized 29 July 1947.

Heavy Tank Company organized and granted Federal recognition 11 April 1949.
Redesignated as Tank Company 1 September 1950.
Redesignated as Tank Company (90 millimeter Gun) 1 October 1952.
Redesignated as Combat Support Company, 1st Battle Group 151st Infantry, 1 February 1959.
Redesignated as Company B 2d Battalion 151st Infantry 1 March 1963.
Redesignated as Company B 1st Battalion (Airborne) 151st Infantry, 1 November 1965.
Reorganized as Company B (-) 1st, 2d Rifle and Weapons Platoon, 1st Battalion (Airborne) 151st Infantry, 1 February 1966.
Redesignated and reorganized as Company D (Long Range Patrol) 151st Infantry 1 December 1967. (Non-divisional)

Ordered to active duty effective 13 May 1968, departed Greenfield, Indiana and arrived Fort Benning, Georgia 15 May 1968. Departed Fort Benning and arrived in Vietnam 29 December 1968. Reorganized as Company D (Ranger) 151st Infantry 1 February 1969. The unit participated in the following Vietnam campaigns: Republic of Vietnam, 8th & 9th Offensive, and the 1969 Tet Offensive.

Shield: Azure, on a fess argent a prickly pear cactus proper between a sheathed Roman sword palewise and a fleur-de-lis of the first. The shield is blue for Infantry. The white fess charged with the Roman sword, cactus and fleur-de-lis represents the Spanish-American War, Mexican Border, and World War service, respectively.

Crest: That for the regiments of the Indiana National Guard: On a wreath of the colors (argent and azure) a demi lion rampant argent, holding in dexter paw a laurel branch vert.

Motto: Wide Awake—Wide Awake.

CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION CREDIT

Mexican War

Buena Vista

Civil War

Henry & Donelson
Shiloh
Manassas
Antietam
Fredericksburg
Chancellorsville
Gettysburg
Vicksburg
Chickamauga
Chattanooga
Wilderness
Atlanta
Spotsylvania
Cold Harbor
Petersburg
Shenandoah

World War I

Without Inscription

World War II

New Guinea
Leyte
Luzon (with arrowhead)

Vietnam

Republic of Vietnam Campaign
8th & 9th Offensive
1969 Tet Offensive
(The specific campaign titles have not yet been confirmed)

DECORATIONS

Phillipine Presidential Unit Citation, Streamer embroidered 17 OCTOBER 1944 to 4 JULY 1945.
Combat Infantry Streamer.

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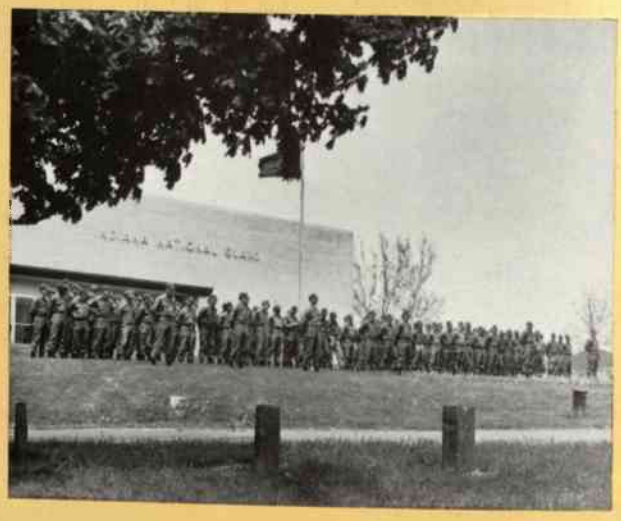

GREENFIELD

CAMP ATTERBURY

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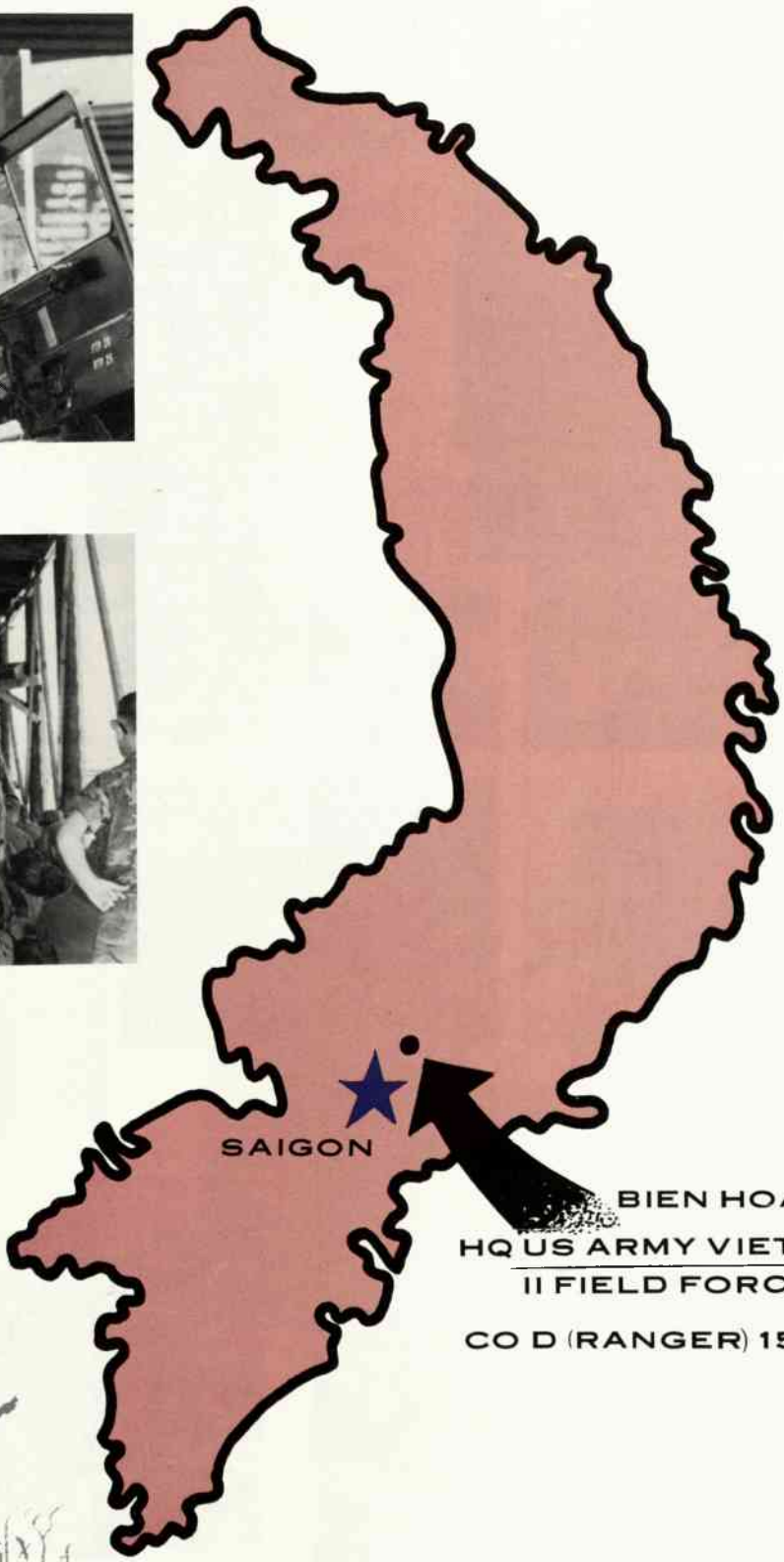
HOME AWAY FROM HOME . . . .

CO D (RANGER) 151 INFANTRY BASE CAMP
PERIOD 27 DECEMBER 1968 TO 20 NOVEMBER 1969



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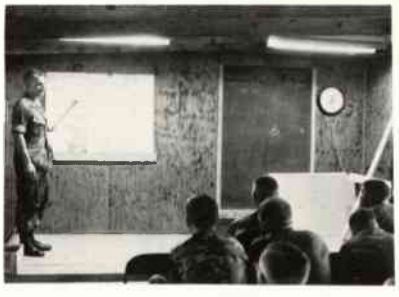
TO PROVIDE A LONG RANGE RECONNAISSANCE, SURVEILLANCE AND TARGET ACQUISITION PATROL CAPABILITY TO CORPS AND FIELD FORCES.

TO PROVIDE PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT TO TRAIN, ADMINISTER, PLAN FOR AND TO EMPLOY PATROLS AS DIRECTED.

ENGAGEMENT OF ENEMY UNITS WITH ORGANIC WEAPONS, GUNSHIPS, ARTILLERY AND TACTICAL AIR.

PLANNED AMBUSHES AIMED AT KNOWN ENEMY LINES OF COMMUNICATION AND MAIN SUPPLY ROUTES.



DECORATIONS . . . .

SILVER STARS
19

BRONZE STARS
175

ARMY COMMENDATION
MEDALS
86

AIR MEDALS
120

PURPLE HEARTS
110

INDIANA DISTINGUISHED
SERVICE CROSS
19

INDIANA
COMMENDATION
204

PERSONNEL . . . .

ROSTER OF PERSONNEL ASSIGNED COMPANY D (RANGER), 151ST INFANTRY AS OF 13 MAY 1968

(Grades indicated are based on the latest information available to MDI-AGO on printing of this program.)

NAME	GRADE
HIMSEL, Kenneth W.	MAJ
HIMSEL, Ronald E.	CPT
JAUSSAUD, Michael P.	CPT
JENKINS, David C.	CPT
AUSTIN, William G.	1LT
ELLIS, Eric T.	1LT
JOHNSON, James E.	1LT
*KLEIBER, George L.	1LT
SWITZER, Michael D.	1LT
WEBB, James H.	1LT
HUNT, James R.	CW2
HARGRAVE, Harold L.	1SG
COX, Noble M.	SFC
HAYES, William F.	SFC
BUTLER, William E.	PSG
EADS, Charles V.	PSG
JOHNSON, Richard L., Sr.	PSG
McREYNOLDS, James M.	PSG
MOSS, Ralph A.	PSG
MERRITT, James	PSG
ANDERSON, Max E.	SSG
AVERY, Terry A.	SSG
BURNHAM, Donald F.	SSG
DELONG, Carl D.	SSG
ELLIS, Jon C.	SSG
GRAY, Raymond E.	SSG
HAWHEE, Charles E.	SSG
KEENEY, Charles R.	SSG
KEITH, David J.	SSG
LLOYD, Jack E.	SSG
MALLORY, David L.	SSG
RAMEY, Charles R.	SSG
RAMEY, Robert W.	SSG
RIGGINS, William M.	SSG
RILEY, Dale L.	SSG
ROCHA, Florencio	SSG
ROSE, James A.	SSG
SHANE, Gerald G.	SSG
SHERWOOD, Bruce M.	SSG
SLOAN, Thomas	SSG
WATERS, David L.	SSG
WHITE, Robert G.	SSG
WICKS, James H.	SSG
AULBACH, Michael R.	SGT
BACKUS, Jerry L.	SGT
BAILEY, Thomas C.	SGT
BLANDFORD, Thomas R.	SGT
BOHANAN, James L.	SGT
BRIODY, Kenneth L.	SGT
BRONNENBERG, Michael W.	SGT
CRAVENS, Philip G.	SGT
CROSS, H. C.	SGT
CROSS, Robert H., Jr.	SGT
DIXON, Loren T.	SGT
DUCKETT, Danny	SGT
DUNN, Theodore F.	SGT
ENGI, Dennis	SGT
GOODING, Jerry D.	SGT
HARRIS, James W.	SGT
HASKINS, Robert L.	SGT
HASTY, Walter S.	SGT
HENDRICKS, Gene	SGT
HESTER, Curtis E.	SGT
HOCHADEL, Charles B. III	SGT
HOLLAND, Donnie L.	SGT
JARVIS, Jack B.	SGT
JUSTUS, Stephen D.	SGT
KELLE, Lawrence E.	SGT
LILLY, Thomas S.	SGT
MAGLINGER, John R.	SGT
MOORE, Leon L.	SGT
MUELLER, Ralph C.	SGT
OWENS, James K.	SGT
PHELPS, Joseph W.	SGT
PORTER, Gary L.	SGT
RAZOR, Thomas L.	SGT
SCOTT, Roscoe T.	SGT
*SMITH, Robert T.	SGT
SMITH, Steven O.	SGT
STECKLER, Stephen T.	SGT
TURNER, Vincent W.	SGT
WATERS, William W.	SGT
WOOD, Dennis L.	SGT
WORTHINGTON, Thomas J.	SGT
ZICKELBACH, Thomas J.	SGT
ADAMS, Dwight	SP5
ANDERSON, Donald B.	SP5
BUSSELL, Gary L.	SP5

NAME	GRADE
CAREY, Marvin E.	SP5
FIELDS, Richard D.	SP5
MARTIN, David E.	SP5
MILLER, John M.	SP5
THOMPSON, Stephen R.	SP5
WATERS, Patrick M.	SP5
ALEXANDER, Philip L.	SP4
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ARNOLD, Jerry W.	SP4
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WINSTEAD, Thomas E.	SP4
WORLEY, Jimmy	SP4
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BATES, Walter L.	PFC
BELL, Marvin E.	PFC
BROWN, Gary W.	PFC
DOWNEY, Edwin P.	PFC
EMPRY, Darrell R.	PFC
GARRETT, Harold I.	PFC
HAGAN, James D.	PFC
HUGGINS, George W.	PFC
MANIS, Charles M.	PFC
RICHARDSON, Terry A.	PFC
RODRIGUEZ, Stephen A.	PFC
SLONE, Terry W.	PFC
*TUCKER, Marvin D.	PFC
AGNEW, James M.	PVT
BOLING, Stephen P.	PVT
BOWLING, Marvin L.	PVT
BUCY, Kenneth R.	PVT
DINNSEN, John S.	PVT
MACURDY, Keith L.	PVT
MARTIN, Albert G.	PVT
RIPBERGER, Michael J.	PVT
SCHMITT, Dennis E.	PVT
STEENBERGEN, Ronald D.	PVT
WILSON, John H.	PVT

*Deceased

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The price we pay for freedom is never cheap.

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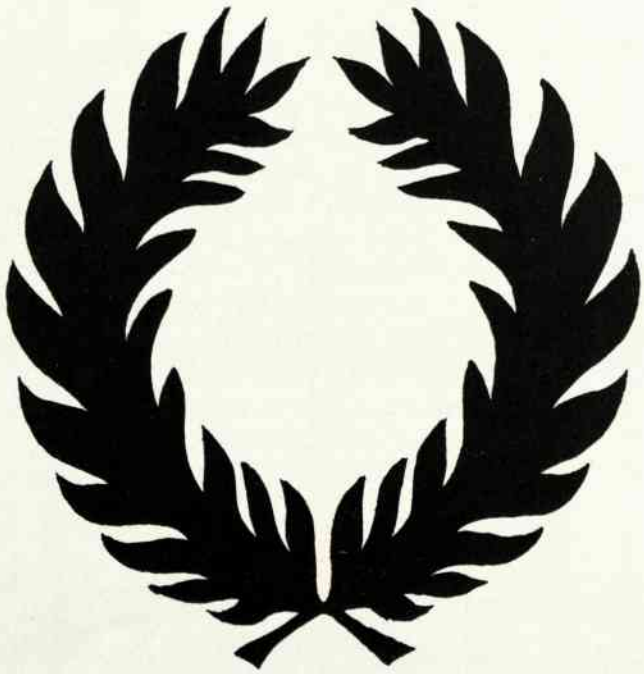

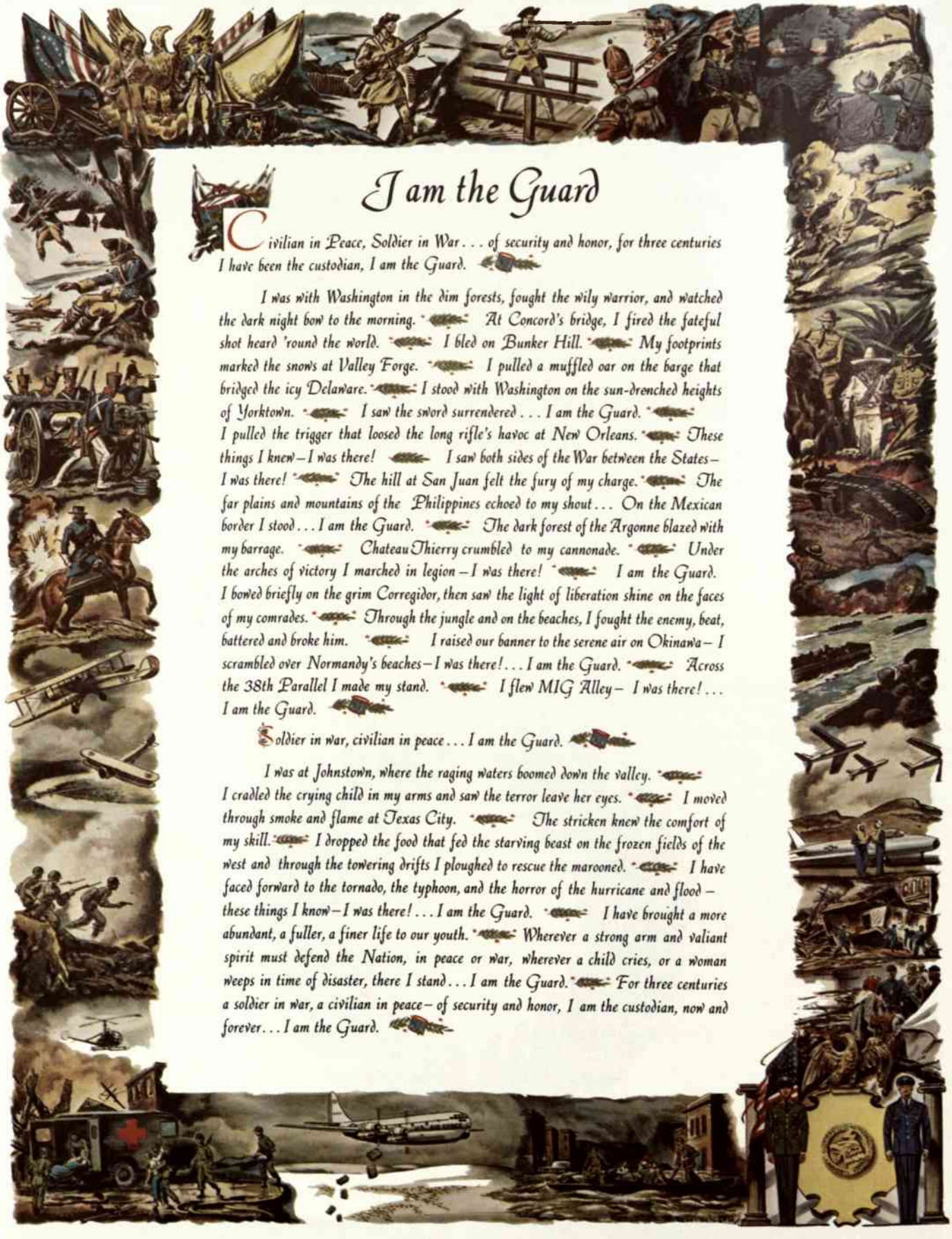

I am the Guard

Civilian in Peace, Soldier in War . . . of security and honor, for three centuries I have been the custodian, I am the Guard.

I was with Washington in the dim forests, fought the wily warrior, and watched the dark night bow to the morning. At Concord's bridge, I fired the fateful shot heard 'round the world. I bled on Bunker Hill. My footprints marked the snows at Valley Forge. I pulled a muffled oar on the barge that bridged the icy Delaware. I stood with Washington on the sun-drenched heights of Yorktown. I saw the sword surrendered . . . I am the Guard. I pulled the trigger that loosed the long rifle's havoc at New Orleans. These things I knew—I was there! I saw both sides of the War between the States—I was there! The hill at San Juan felt the fury of my charge. The far plains and mountains of the Philippines echoed to my shout . . . On the Mexican border I stood . . . I am the Guard. The dark forest of the Argonne blazed with my barrage. Chateau Thierry crumbled to my cannonade. Under the arches of victory I marched in legion—I was there! I am the Guard. I bowed briefly on the grim Corregidor, then saw the light of liberation shine on the faces of my comrades. Through the jungle and on the beaches, I fought the enemy, beat, battered and broke him. I raised our banner to the serene air on Okinawa—I scrambled over Normandy's beaches—I was there! . . . I am the Guard. Across the 38th Parallel I made my stand. I flew MIG Alley—I was there! . . . I am the Guard.

Soldier in war, civilian in peace . . . I am the Guard.

I was at Johnstown, where the raging waters boomed down the valley. I cradled the crying child in my arms and saw the terror leave her eyes. I moved through smoke and flame at Texas City. The stricken knew the comfort of my skill. I dropped the food that fed the starving beast on the frozen fields of the west and through the towering drifts I ploughed to rescue the marooned. I have faced forward to the tornado, the typhoon, and the horror of the hurricane and flood—these things I know—I was there! . . . I am the Guard. I have brought a more abundant, a fuller, a finer life to our youth. Wherever a strong arm and valiant spirit must defend the Nation, in peace or war, wherever a child cries, or a woman weeps in time of disaster, there I stand . . . I am the Guard. For three centuries a soldier in war, a civilian in peace—of security and honor, I am the custodian, now and forever . . . I am the Guard.